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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Appn. No. 10/671,240)
 First Named Applicant: BRIAN J TEAROE)
 Filed: 9/25/2003)
 For: VEGETATION SUPPORT)
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Sir:

In response to the Final Action mailed October 26, 2004, and in order to place this case in condition for immediate allowance or in better form for appeal, applicant hereby requests the entry of the following amendment to the application:

Amendments to the Specification: None.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper

Amendments to the Drawings: None.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.